

Virginia Water Resources Workshop



How Will Your Plan Fit Into The State Plan?

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Concept for the State Plan

- Create a big picture of the State's water resources and local water supply needs
- Create a continuous process for evaluating water resources and water supply needs



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Concept for the State Plan

- Identify conflicts among local users for the resource
- Identify unsustainable demands on the resource



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Concept for the State Plan

- Promote regional solutions to water supply problems
- Appraise businesses of the availability of water supplies around the State



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Health Department Role

- The Health Department will continue to work with you as in the past.
 - Regulatory authority over drinking water systems
- They will provide DEQ comment on your water needs and supply alternatives



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Timetable for the Plan

- Some State policy and resource information will be available before the first local or regional plans are approved in 2008
- Plan should be structurally complete in 2011 upon completion of the initial review of local and regional plans
- Updated thereafter as new resource data is available or local and regional plans are changed



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Relationship Among Plans

- The State Plan will contain all of the information provided in the local and regional plans
- Aggregated or disaggregated as appropriate for a state-wide or river basin context



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Relationship Among Plans

- All local and regional water supply alternatives will be presented
- State and federal agency concerns and issues with each water supply alternative or among different local plans will be identified



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Relationship Among Plans

- Inclusion in the State Plan is not an allocation of water or a permit guarantee, BUT
- It is recognition by the State of local water needs.
- It is a step ahead in identifying the viability of different alternatives and the issues that may be encountered if you choose to pursue a permit.



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Resolving Conflicts

- Early identification of conflicts will facilitate collaborative approaches to water supply management
- State will be a resource in finding solutions during the planning process

A close-up photograph of concentric ripples on a dark, calm water surface, creating a circular pattern that fades out towards the top left corner of the slide.

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Resolving Conflicts

- Unresolved conflicts = risk



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State Support

- The State wants to be in a position to endorse your supply needs and those water supply alternatives that have regulatory issues that can be reasonably addressed in the permit process.



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State Support

- The State intends to support projects with other states and with the federal regulatory process.



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How Can You Help Facilitate Support?

- Be realistic in estimating future needs by all uses
- Plan for the least environmentally damaging practicable alternative to the extent that resources allow



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How Can You Help Facilitate Support?

- Seriously evaluate regional solutions
- Work closely with DEQ staff throughout the process

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